

U.S. AID TO FARMERS NOT POSSIBLE NOW, HOUSTON ASSERTS

Secretary of Treasury Says He
Warned Growers That Price
Drop Was Coming.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Govern-
ment relief for present conditions
confronting farmers is impossible,
Secretary of the Treasury Houston
to-day told the House and Senate Ag-
riculture Committees.

Mr. Houston was the first witness
to-day before the joint session of the
committees, which are seeking relief
for the farmers who have been hit
by the rapidly falling prices of their
products.

At the same time the Secretary
predicted a drop in retail prices soon.
He said retail & others had been hold-
ing out against lowering prices but
would not be able to do so much
longer.

"I don't know of any feasible plans
of effecting any marked change in
price conditions," said Mr. Houston,
"especially in the case of means
at the disposal of the Treasury De-
partment that would not set up worse
evils than those complained of."

He declared that Government
agencies have done everything that
can be done to help the farmers and
said he advised farmers while he was
Secretary of Agriculture that a drop
in prices was coming and urged
them to prepare for it. He denied
emphatically that farmers are suf-
fering from lack of credit.

"The much-talked-of deflation or
contraction of credit does not exist,"
said Mr. Houston. "The only limi-
tation put on credit has been to curb
speculation." He added that in his
opinion there was no way to finance
agricultural exports, because of the
financial situation existing between
Europe and the United States.

"Europe now owes the United States
about \$14,000,000,000," continued Mr.
Houston. "Our exports are increasing
annually, so that this year they will
total about eight and one-tenth billion
dollars. How Europe can pay for the
exports it is now receiving or can take
more from the United States I don't
know."

He said that he had grave doubts
that revival of the War Finance Cor-
poration would be effective in reliev-
ing the farmers' troubles by increasing
foreign trade.

ANOTHER MAN SLAIN ON 'MURDER CORNER'

Tony Vene Hit by Five Bullets and
Friend With Him Is Wounded
in Knee.

Policeman Karcher heard a volley of
shots at Atlantic Avenue and Gun-
ther Place, Brownsville, at 2 A. M. to-
day and stopped two men coming from
that corner. When the three went
back they found Tony Vene, 24, a la-
borer, of No. 2333 Fulton Street, dead
with five bullet wounds in his abdo-
men, and Tony Tarcello, 40, No. 2517
Atlantic Avenue, shot in the right knee.

Tarcello said he and Vene were
walking together when the shots came
he couldn't tell from where. Though
Assistant District Attorney Wilson
questioned witnesses for several hours,
he could obtain nothing more definite.
It is the third murder on that corner
in two years. Tarcello is held a pris-
oner in the hospital as were the two
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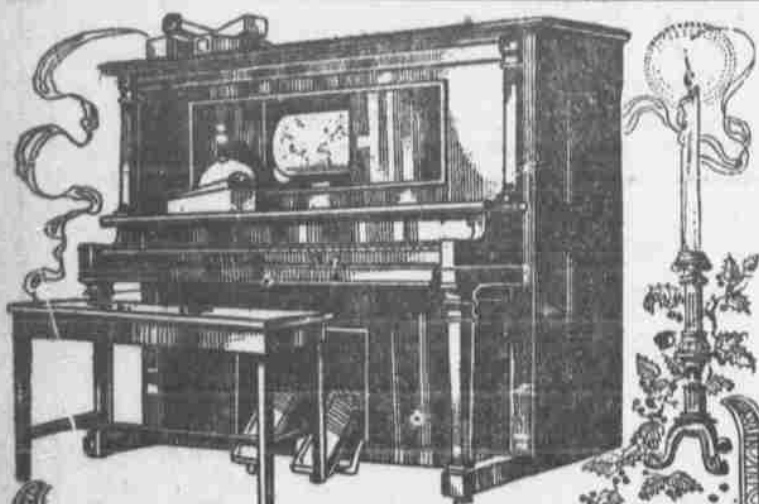
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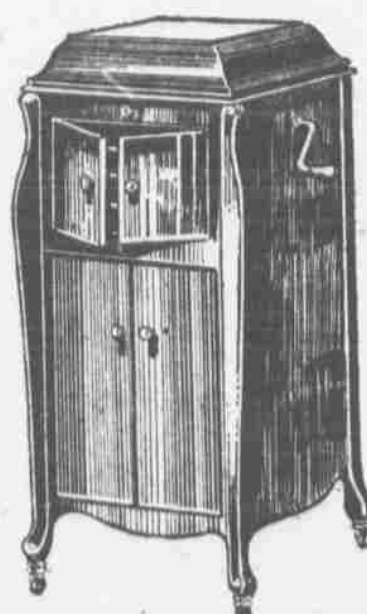
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